

Showers Tonight  
and Wednesday.

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## BRYAN OPENS GREATEST BATTLE OF HIS POLITICAL CAREER IN A STIRRING APPEAL FOR PROGRESS

### BOSSES BITTERLY ASSAILED BY COMMONER

In Nominating Kern He Points to Forces That Seek to Control Party.

### NAMES "THE RYANS AND THE BELMONT"

Kern, in Dramatic Appeal to Parker, Suggests That Both Withdraw.

By THEODORE TILLER.

BALTIMORE, June 25.—With his back to the wall, facing a hostile national committee and a convention which must be swayed by his mere personality if it is turned at all, William Jennings Bryan is again writing Democratic history today.

The crisis of the party was staged at Baltimore at noon. The Nebraskan went into the convention hall prepared to be either pleading or defiant. The common end to be sought is the defeat of a reactionary for the temporary chairmanship.

It is a repetition of Chicago. There's a difference in geography and in dominating personality, but the issue is the same.

The selection of a reactionary temporary chairman and a reactionary Presidential candidate here means the new political party will cast aside its swaddling clothes within the week.

Have But One Chance.

A progressive temporary chairman, and a progressive platform and candidate, gives the Democracy a chance.

The wavering delegates stand today between two cross-fires. On one firing line is the man who is to the Democratic party what Theodore Roosevelt is to the Republican party. On the other is the powerful strength of Tammany, and of what Bryan scathingly terms the "Belmont-Ryan-Murphy crowd."

There are scores of delegates gathered here who speak disparagingly of Bryanism, but their voices are in whispers, and they dread the moment when Bryan's voice shall tell the convention that the parting of the ways has come between the rank and file, the plain people of the Democracy, and its bosses.

Defeated In Committee.

They defeated Bryan in the national committee last night and voted to make Judge Parker the keynote speaker of the convention. In committee, however, Bryan went against phlegmatic politicians with their made-in-advance plan. Bryan's defeat in the committee was forecast in The Times yesterday when it was declared that at least twenty-

### WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Unsettled weather; probably showers tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.	
U. S. BUREAU.	AFLECK'S.
8 a. m. 70	8 a. m. 75
9 a. m. 73	9 a. m. 79
10 a. m. 68	10 a. m. 74
11 a. m. 70	11 a. m. 74
12 noon 70	12 noon 78
1 p. m. 70	1 p. m. 78
2 p. m. 70	2 p. m. 78

### SUN TABLE.

Rises. 4:34 Sets. 7:30  
Today—High tide, 4:38 a. m. and 5:14 p. m.; low tide, 11:26 a. m. and 11:31 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 5:27 a. m. and 6:02 p. m.; low tide, 12:17 a. m.

### Wall Street Seeks to Make Convention a Punch and Judy Show

By WILLIAM J. BRYAN to The Times

BALTIMORE, June 25.—The lines are being drawn now that the delegates are learning that Murphy is but the heavy hand of Ryan. They are thinking of what their constituents will say if this convention is delivered to the same financial interests that controlled the Chicago convention through Root and his machine.

It is a spectacle never before witnessed in American politics. Two conventions of opposing parties meeting within two weeks and the

same financial jugglers of Wall Street attempting to use the convention like the wooden figures in a Punch and Judy show.

If they can succeed in deceiving the delegates who have come here under the impression that the Democratic party is expected to make an honest fight against the Republican party, it will be the miracle of modern times.

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What Roosevelt was to the Chicago Convention Bryan is to that in Baltimore. What Root was to Chicago Parker is in Baltimore.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

The bosses plan to win in Baltimore like the Republican bosses did in Chicago; and in winning will lose as they did in Chicago.

### BOSSES ASSURE VICTORY FOR NEW PARTY

Domination At Baltimore, As At Chicago, Leaves People But One Recourse.

### OLD GUARD WAGING STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

Parallel Seen Between Fights for Control of the Two Conventions.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

CONVENTION HALL, BALTIMORE, June 25.—Bryan was at his best, his most impressive, when, five minutes after the opening invocation, he was at the front of the platform to open his fight.

His appearance was greeted with a storm of cheers—cheers that plainly came more from the delegates than the audience. There was every evidence, as at Chicago, that the hall was packed in favor of the organization and the bosses.

Bryan awaited the close of the ovation, pale, composed, plainly full of the feeling that he was opening one of the great battles of his career of fighting. He did not want demonstration, and nervously waved his hand for quiet, which he obtained in three or four minutes. Then he launched into his speech naming Kern for chairman.

The convention's temper was braved in a moment. Warring cries of "Kern" and "Parker" went up in chorus. Bryan's friends saw that he was out for an ungloried fight, and their enthusiasm rose as he progressed, while the bitterness of his enemies went up in like measure.

REPETITION OF CHICAGO.

The bosses in the Baltimore convention are doing everything in their power to disrupt their party, just as the bosses at Chicago did. This will make the new Progressive party a winner in the election next November.

With everybody now indicating that the result will be a victory for the reactionary interests, nominally led by a colorless candidate entirely satisfactory to them, the eyes of progressive Democrats are already turning toward the Progressive party convention that will be held about August 1 to

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White House Callers.

SENATORS.	
Curtis, Kan.	Smoot, Utah.
Bradley, Ky.	Sutherland, Utah.
Guggenheim, Colo.	Cullom, Ill.
Jones, Wash.	
CONGRESSMEN.	
Pray, Mont.	McKinley, Ill.
Dodge, Mich.	Daisell, Pa.
Mondell, Wyo.	

### CARDINAL ASKS FOR HARMONY

Distinguished Catholic Prelate Invokes Divine Blessing at Opening of First Day's Session of Convention.

BALTIMORE, June 25.—Cardinal Gibbons, the venerable Catholic prelate, opened the first day's session of the convention, invoking divine blessing in the following prayer:  
"We pray thee, oh God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws enacted and judgment decreed, assist with Thy holy spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to the people over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion, by faithful execution of the laws of justice and mercy and by restraining vice and immorality."

"Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberates of this convention and shine forth in all its proceedings and enactments so that they may tend to the preservation of concord and despotism, and liberty prevail in harmony."  
"May authority be exercised without license. May this convention demonstrate once more to the American people and to the world at large that the citizens of the United States have solved the problem of self government by exercising and tolerating broadest and most untrammelled freedom of discussion in their political assemblies, without degrading reason and without invading the sacred and inviolable rights of law and public order."  
"May the delegates assembled to select a candidate for Chief Magistrate be ever mindful that they are sons of

### Two Games Tomorrow

Rain caused a postponement of today's game between the Nationals and the Red Sox. Tomorrow there will be a double-header, beginning at 2 o'clock. Walter Johnson and Bob Groom will probably pitch for the Nationals.

### Latest Convention Bulletins

12:20—Convention called to order by Chairman of National Committee Norman E. Mack.

12:33—Call for the convention read by Assistant Secretary Thomas Smith.

12:37—Cardinal Gibbons delivered invocation.

12:45—Parker's name read as national committee's choice for temporary chairman.

12:48—Bryan takes platform to oppose Parker's selection.

12:52—Bryan nominated John W. Kern, of Indiana, for temporary chairman.

1:25—Bryan concluded speech.

1:31—John W. Kern took the platform.

1:40—Kern offers to withdraw in favor of compromise candidate if Parker would do likewise.

1:50—Kern withdrew from the chairmanship fight, declaring Bryan the man entitled to, and capable of making the progressive fight.

1:52—Bryan resumes speaking.

1:53—Bryan agrees to be the progressive candidate for temporary chairmanship.

### "BRYAN LOSES ALL CONTROL"

Believed Judge Parker Will Be Named Temporary Chairman, and Speaker Clark Nominated for the Presidency.

By JOHN SNURE.

BALTIMORE, June 25.—Judge Alton B. Parker will be named for temporary chairman of the Democratic national convention today.

He will receive upward of 600 votes. Unless the situation shifts from what it now is, Champ Clark will be nominated for President of the United States on the second or third ballot.

That is the way the cards lie at this minute. William Jennings Bryan will apparently be defeated in his efforts to control the convention.

At no time for the last 24 hours has Bryan been in control of the situation, in spite of talk of many of his enthusiastic followers to the contrary.

### Parker Men Confident.

Careful canvasses which have been made by the anti-Bryan forces within the last twenty-four hours show that Parker will be named temporary chairman by somewhere from 600 to 650 votes. The feeling of the backers of Parker this morning is one of absolute confidence that they will win and that they have checkmated Bryan in his efforts to control the convention.

The statements here made as to the outcome of the convention are made with this reservation: Everybody knows the matchless power of Bryan in a convention hall. It is through this he won the nomination in 1896, and through it he has won many another battle. The only hope he has is to go

into the convention and sweep it before him.

But unless he can carry the delegates by storm he will be defeated. The test put up to him today is one of the hardest of his wonderful political career. To defeat Parker he must not only carry the outer works of the opposition, but he has to assault it with the force of his oratory as to demoralize it completely. They could not hope to wrest the nomination from him or the man of his naming.

### Rely On Underwood.

The cohorts of Tammany and the New York delegation will be thrown to Clark early in the balloting on President. That is the way the game is planned now. And Thomas Taggart and Roger Sullivan will follow suit. The Underwood forces are relied on to support Clark, once they see Underwood cannot be named.

Charging that the combined powers of predatory wealth are trying to break down progressivism within the Democratic ranks, Bryan will endeavor to crush the designs of the leaders who are planning with skill and keenness and precision to choose Parker and name Clark. The indications now are that he is up against a combination as irresistible, perhaps more so, than the one against which Roosevelt battled in Chicago.